Believe Small Group Guide Session 14

Video: Play Believe video for Session 14. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

Key Verse: Read the key verse together. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

Key Idea: I focus on God and his priorities for my life.

Group Discussion

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

- I desire Jesus Christ to be first in my life.
- I see every aspect of my life and work as service to God.
- I spend time each day reading God's Word and praying.
- I value a simple lifestyle over one cluttered with activities and material possessions.

Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.

- 1) Many people are tempted to compartmentalize their faith rather than allow God to influence every aspect of their lives. Discuss some reasons for this.
- 2) In what ways can materialism be the enemy of single-mindedness?
- 3) Which area of your life (relationships, finances, work, family, etc.) is hardest to submit to God's will and guidance?

Read Matthew 6:19-24

- 1) How has seeking and serving God brought his blessing upon your work, relationships, family, and finances?
- 2) Discuss why it is tempting to "store up treasures on earth".
- 3) Discuss what it specifically means to "store up treasures in heaven".

Closing Prayer

Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's key idea into practice.